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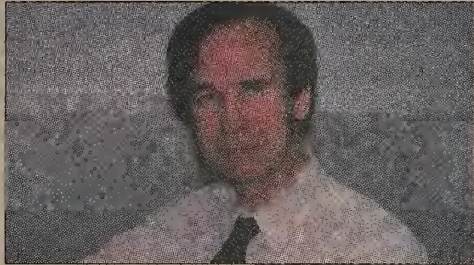


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Three candidates vie for faculty rep



Roy Carlyle.



Bob Evans.



Peter Findlay.

Story and photos by
Julie van Donkersgoed

Three candidates have been nominated for the position of faculty representative on Conestoga College's board of governors.

The candidates include Roy Carlyle, Bob Evans and Peter Findlay, all instructors at the college.

Carlyle, a sessional instructor in the business studies program at the college, says he is running because of his background, which includes serving on the board of governors at Northern College, negotiating for both union and management groups and his participation in numerous organizations.

Carlyle also said he understands the necessity for the college to change and meet the internal and external needs of the college.

"I am very familiar with the board of governors' responsibilities and I am familiar with its goals and strategic planning," said Carlyle.

Evans, who has taught accounting, finance and business policy in the accounting program for the past 13 years, says he is running because he would like to take a stand on tough issues.

Evans said he feels his service on other committees, such as the faculty agreement committee, which occurs in a union setting, meets with management and discusses matters which include tough situations including layoffs, required him to take a stand on several issues.

"I have the reputation for asking the tough questions in a non-threatening way," said Evans.

Findlay, teaches materials, product engineering, product design and development and the history of furniture making in the woodworking program, has been at the college for 12 years. He says he is running because he is committed to representing the teaching community in balance with the best interests of the college

and its students.

Findlay said his involvement on other committees, like the college council, shows his commitment to the college, and he sees himself as well positioned to represent the faculty in a positive, progressive way.

"I am concerned that issues are dealt with in a way that improves quality for the students and faculty, as well as working together to achieve the college's goals," said Findlay. Voting is open to all full time, part time, sessional teachers, counsellors and librarians employed by the college's board of governors.

Voting will occur on April 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the main foyer inside Door 4, and from 5:45 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. at the campus administration office in Room 2B10-6.

Voters who are unable to vote on the scheduled voting day can cast their ballots on April 5 or 6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room 2B10-5 or from 5:45 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. in Room 2B10-6.

Should students have to pay if they don't use the facility?

Rec centre fee causing upset with parent

By Eileen Diniz

For approximately 2 1/2 years a concerned father, who will not be named to protect the identity of his daughter who attends Conestoga College, has wanted to have the mandatory athletics and recreation fee, which is currently part of each student's tuition, removed because his daughter does not use the college's rec centre.

"I noticed the fee was always on my daughter's registration form and (she) never uses the facility," said the father.

The students at the college are required to pay the fee at the beginning of each year. The cost varies according to the length of the students' program of study. The basic fee is \$33 for full-time students with one or more semesters and \$16.50 for one semester or for a direct entry students.

The continual fee allows the

students to gain access to various activities in the Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre.

Ian James, manager of athletics and recreation, said people have to think like a community.

They can't be selfish and think for themselves. You need to think about the whole community in order to advance, he said.

The rec centre is providing opportunities for all students to gain academic and social experience. It is one way to encourage a healthy atmosphere, James said.

The father said even if his daughter did decide to use the facility one evening she may be turned down because of all the activities there.

But James said this would absolutely not happen. There are so many requests for activities at the centre that from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. there is non-scheduled time for students to use the facility.

"I've always made that my

number one priority," said James. "I respect that they are paying a student fee and I think part of their experience at college should involve the academics as well as the athletics."

The Cambridge parent said he has talked with college administration including vice-president Kevin Mullan, local MPPs, the minister of education, and the college's board of governors including president John W. Tibbits.

He said all these people were unable to help him because the fee was initiated by the students years ago and they would have to decide to remove it.

He was told to go to the Doon Student Association and they would have a protocol that he would be able to use to have the changes made.

The protocol has been delivered to the Cambridge man, but he has not been able to comment on it as of yet because he is away on

business.

The protocol for Compulsory, Non-Tuition Related Incidental Fees states if the college wishes to increase any of the compulsory non-tuition related incidental fees by an amount greater than that equal to the rate of increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), since the last change in fees or introduce a new compulsory non-tuition related fee, the college must gain the acceptance of the student government representatives.

The college agrees that it will not increase the subject fees in this regard until the cumulative CPI increase since the last fee change exceeds one per cent. Where acceptance by student government representatives is required, college administration will meet them to discuss the need for change to the subject fees.

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Students, Currie honoured at broadcasting banquet

By Lindsay Gibson



Mary Garofalo, a broadcasting student from 1981 and now working for FOX in New York, poses with Bob Currie, retired broadcasting technician, at the 24th annual Broadcasting - Radio and Television Awards Dinner on March 24 at the Transylvania Club in Kitchener. (Photo by Lindsay Gibson)

The 24th annual Broadcasting - Radio and Television Awards Dinner was held March 25 at the Transylvania Club in Kitchener. Close to 180 guests turned out to honour the award winners and the 'former God' of the program, Bob Currie.

Currie officially retired as the broadcasting program's technician in January of this year. Currie, who retired one day short of 30 years, has been an integral part of the program since day one. He was not only honoured for this achievement, but for influencing the lives of all those he worked with.

Two broadcasting students, Sarah Sherbourne and Tammy Love, decided after last year's banquet, to make a video in honour of Currie's retirement. The two women took more than 12 hours of testimonials from people around the world and edited them down to a 15-minute masterpiece.

The testimonials included highlights and pictures of Currie, his wife and his family and messages from CTV News anchor Lloyd Robertson, CHYM FM's Val Cole and country musician Jamie Warren.

"Few people have touched students as much as Bob Currie," said broadcasting co-ordinator Mike Thurnell.

Mary Garofalo, who was a member of the class of 1981, but did not graduate, is now working for FOX in New York. Garofalo flew back for the banquet because Currie is

so important to her.

"I love Bob," she said. "He is the most memorable teacher that had an effect on me and he is a great person."

Currie's son, Rob Currie, gave a speech to honour his dad, jokingly saying that he wasn't really reaching retirement, and now he could really start working.

"There was no one better for the job of helping others," he said, "and I am so very proud of you, dad."

Currie said he was pleased with the testimonial video and thanked everyone in his speech.

"I have a lot of memories, way better good ones than bad ones," he said.

Currie is spending his retirement working with Rogers Cable, C to C Productions and on various other projects.

Many students were also honoured for their achievements at the banquet. Sherbourne, who couldn't attend the banquet because she is in Australia furthering her education, was the big winner of the night, picking up four awards.

The CJOY/Magic 106.1 Newsperson of the Year Award, the first award of the night, went to Jeremy Gull, who was also the master of ceremonies.

The CHYM Radio Award for Announcing was awarded to Carla Donnell for year-one, Gull for year-two and Henry Haderlein for year-three.

Mark Moretti won the CJCS Creative Writing Award and the CJCS Production Award.

Sherbourne and Love shared the

K.A. Mackenzie Memorial Award and Brian Gillespie won the CKCO Pat Fitzgerald Award.

Richard Bonn won the Rogers Cable Television Award, while Sherbourne won the Christopher-Allen Rawnsely/Sony of Canada Award and the Betty Thompson Broadcaster of the Year Award.

Michelle Good won the Betty Thompson Memorial Bursary, while Kris Ferguson won the CHUM Limited Award for Excellence in Radio Programming.

Sherbourne also won the Telemedia Award for Broadcast Management.

Lori Illingworth won the Carl Pollock Memorial Award and Janice Saywell won the John Larke Memorial Bursary.

CHYM morning co-host, George Michaels, was the guest

speaker and left students with a few words of wisdom.

"Make the most of every job and do set your sights

high," he said.

The awards dinner will be aired on Rogers Cable Sunday, April 4 at 9 p.m.

Conestoga grad new administrator in peer services

By Carly Benjamin

According to Melissa MacClennan, the new peer services administrator, the skills learned at Conestoga are excellent preparation for the workforce.

MacClennan, a graduate of Conestoga's social services program and a Wilfrid Laurier University grad, replaces Myrna Nicholas, the former peer services administrator.

MacClennan said while the education she received at both education facilities was useful, she found the skills learned at the college were more practical and the hands-on experience was invaluable.

"The staff and students have really welcomed me," she said. "It's always difficult to

start a new position but it helps when your work environment is so patient and understanding."

Prior to her job at the college, MacClennan was employed at a community mental health agency in Kitchener, Waterloo Regional Homes for Mental Health.

She obtained that job after completing her second-year co-op placement for social services, which then led to a contract position.

Her responsibilities at the college include many aspects but

a large portion of her time is spent overseeing the peer tutoring.

"I have to co-ordinate and recruit tutors and interview students who are needing tutors," she said.

As the peer services administrator, MacClennan does not actually counsel the students; the student services counsellors do that.

"I may refer or assess students, but I then refer them to a counsellor in the office to tend to their individual needs," she said.

MacClennan will remain administrator for peer services until her contract expires in January 2000.

"I would love to stay on after that," she said. "This program has a lot of potential to further expand and develop and I would love to be a part of that."

Nicholas, a two-time winner of the DSA Award for Outstanding Contribution to Student Life, was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis a year ago.

She is on sick leave to try a new drug therapy.

If Nicholas doesn't return at the end of MacClennan's contract, the job would then be posted internally then externally. MacClennan said she would then have to reapply because the job would become a full-time position rather than a contract one.



Melissa MacClennan. (Photo by Carly Benjamin)

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Program offers women choices

By Eileen Diniz

"We are strong independent women focusing on a new direction that will lead to improve (sic) the quality of life for our children and ourselves. We will choose our place by becoming aware of our options through education, persistence and faith in our true worth."

The above is the mission statement written by the women of Conestoga's Focus for Change program.

The course is being offered at the Cambridge campus and is continually offered at Waterloo, except during the summer. It is a 12-week program for single mothers on benefits who have sole support of their children, and can take instruction in English.

The women look at their strengths, abilities and natural interests and from that they research opportunities, including educational and training paths they may have been unaware of, said Dianne Murphy, group facilitator for the program.

"I took the program because I thought it would have extra information that I need to find a job," said Sheryl King. "I have been using job postings and newspapers and I wasn't sure how else to find a job."

The program is divided into three directions, self development, work involvement and how to get where you want to go, said Murphy.

She said the women get to know themselves, their interests and their strengths. From that

point they look at the outside world, the trends and what's happening in the work world. They try to fit who they are into what's happening and look for training opportunities in their interest path, she said.

"We do an awful lot of communication skills including assertive, aggressive and passive behaviour and also listening skills," Murphy said.

The group often brings in guest speakers. The women in the group decide which speakers they would like to hear and each group's choice is different because it's based on their individual interests, said Murphy.

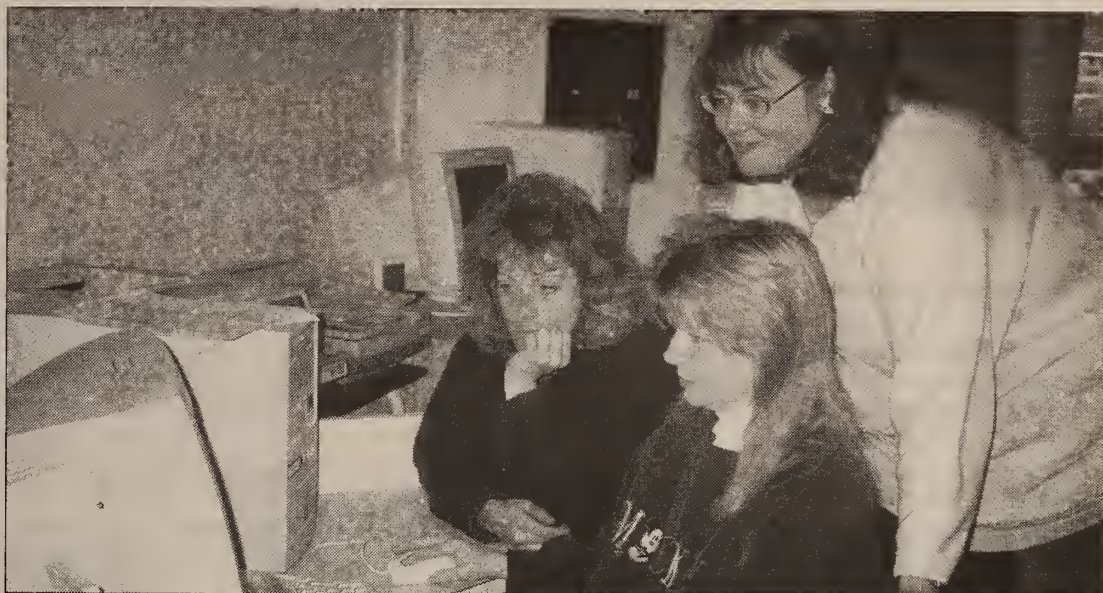
A trends analyst has talked about the different things happening in the world. A machinist spoke about non-traditional trades for women. Marie Sutherland, a reporter from The Cambridge Reporter and a Conestoga journalism graduate, spoke about being a reporter, and a member of St. John Ambulance spoke about first aid and CPR for children.

"The machinist was really neat," said Murphy. "She brought in all her materials, and we had show and tell."

Each speaker gives a presentation on their own career paths including how they got there and what they do.

The group often goes on tours, which have included a funeral home, a factory, the hospital, the humane society and the police station.

Murphy said they do the tours for two reasons: Career identification is the first, so the



Dianne Murphy, facilitator for the Focus for Change program, looks on as students Yvette Shingler (left) and Cheryl King work on an assignment on the computer. (Photo by Eileen Diniz)

students become familiar with what jobs exist. Second, the tours also give the women a chance to relate their own interests to specific jobs. Quite often the tour leads to an information session and the opportunity to shadow a job for two weeks.

Shadowing, which happens at the end of the program, places the women at a specific job to watch how the job is done to determine if that is the direction they want to go. Some actually do the job while shadowing and some assist. It depends on what the job is, said Murphy.

One of Murphy's students is shadowing at a bank and she mostly watches but another student is shadowing at the YMCA and she is permitted to work at the job.

This is the first time in about

three years that the Focus for Change program has been offered in Cambridge, said Murphy.

She would like to see the program continue. She said these women come in taking their skills for granted but leave as strong women with goals.

"Women are tough characters. They have wonderful qualities they don't give themselves credit for," said Murphy. "It's amazing to see the growth in these ladies when they realize they have choices."

The women come out of the course knowing how to tell an employer what skills they have and how to overcome the obstacles other people may take for granted including transportation, child care and the lack of a Grade 12 education, said Murphy.

They leave with confidence and a goal, she said.

"The program is how to overcome these obstacles and set realistic goals," said Murphy.

King, whose goal is to get back into the work force, said she thought about the idea of taking a course at the Doon campus but it wasn't the right time for her.

"It just wasn't realistic for me right now, because of money and my two teenagers at home, but it may become an avenue down the road," she said.

The main thing is these women find out they have choices where as before they felt they didn't have any choice except settling for what they had, said Murphy.

"Find your place, don't be put in it," she added.

Welding students recognized

Kevin Hayhoe and Bill Hewitt, from Conestoga's welding engineering technology program, presented a research project to the Toronto chapter of the Welding Society of Canada.

They spoke to a group of 35 to 40 people on the research they had done regarding high strength low alloy steel. The presentation on Tuesday, March 9, covered research that they have been working on since the beginning of the winter semester.

Those who attended were representatives from the welding industry and other colleges and universities, including students from Northern College welding engineering technology program and the University of Waterloo mechanical engineering department. After their

presentation they were presented with plaques commemorating their achievement, as well as a complimentary membership to the Canadian Welding Society.

The research done by Hayhoe and Hewitt covered topics including welding using the submerged arc welding and gas metal arc welding processes, micro-hardness testing, microscopic examination, side bend testing, stress-relieving and research on the base metal itself. The metal used was uncommon, which made the welding and research difficult and many precautions had to be taken to ensure that test results would be accurate.

This is the first time the welding engineering technology program has been implemented. It runs at the Guelph campus.



From left to right: Student Kevin Hayhoe, faculty John Kroisenbrunner, and student Bill Hewitt, all of the welding technology program. (Photo submitted)

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Campus Question**Tony Lee: does he exploit or entertain?****By Elizabeth Sackrider**

X-rated hypnotist Tony Lee took his explicit act to Stages Nightclub to entertain Conestoga students with a barage of sexually provocative acts using hypnotized people.

Lee hypnotized his participants and while under hypnosis they kissed each other's bare behinds and fooled around with a giant teddy bear.

Opinion on Lee's show differs. Some think it is a about a valid form of entertainment. Others think it is a grotesque display. Lee argues that while under hypnosis people do not do things they wouldn't normally do.

Others argue anything could be possible while in a hypnotic state and people are completely open to any suggestions Lee might decide to put into their subconscious.

Conestoga students who either participated in the show or who were watching were asked whether they though Lee's show exploited its participants. Most of the students agreed the performance was for entertainment. Most said those who participated wouldn't do anything while hypnotized they wouldn't want to do.

Craig Maw, a third-year materials management student, said the show was all fun and games.

"Hypnotized people aren't supposed to do anything they wouldn't do in real life," said Maw.

First-year broadcasting student, Janice Saywell, saw the first show in September and she said the participants know what is going to go on when they go to the show.

"I think you get warned it is X-rated. People go up there (on stage) willingly," said Saywell. "It is not exploitation, it's free will."

Mel McShane, a first-year early childhood education student, said the show was all in good fun.

"I was thinking what the hell I am doing, but, it is exciting to be in a different state of mind," said McShane.

Christa Dopp, a first-year nursing student, said Lee's show was no worse than anything you would see on TV.

"When a movie is X-rated and you don't want to see it, then don't go," said Dopp.

First-year small business development student, Horace

Scott, said Tony Lee gives ample warning to those who might object before the show begins.

"Everyone consents when they walk through the door," said Scott.

Nick Rac, a first-year computer programming analyst student, mooned the entire crowd, but he said he doesn't care. Whenever someone in the crowd would shout "Conestoga", Rac would jump onto his chair and flash his behind to the entire audience.

"When you make the decision to go up there, you kind of accept what is going to happen," said Rac.

Steve Coleman, a first-year computer programming analysis student, took off his clothing in front of his schoolmates but didn't mind.

"It was fun, I would do it again," said Coleman.

Photos by Jeanette Everall

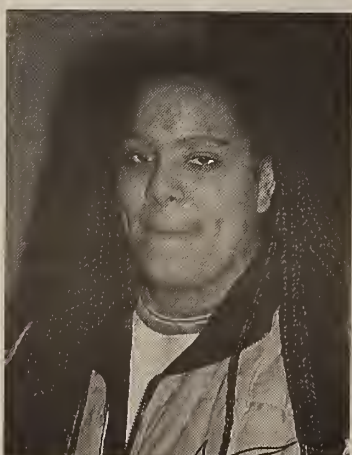
Christa Dopp, first-semester nursing student.



Janice Saywell, first-year broadcasting student.



Steve Coleman, first-year computer programming analyst student.



Mel McShane, a first-year early childhood education student.



Nic Roc, first-year computer programming analyst student.

Baseball's back

The temperature is rising, the snow is melting and the grass is growing. It's spring, and that means baseball season is here.



Brian Smiley

Baseball will celebrate its 160th year in existence. In 1839, Abner Doubleday invented the sport in a small village in New York called Cooperstown. That the game was invented by Doubleday, on that date, will always be debated among historians.

But certain things can't and won't be debated about the grandest game of all. Baseball has provided the young, middle-aged and old, regardless of gender, with pleasure and excitement.

From little leagues, to recreational leagues, to the major leagues, in some way or another, baseball has touched us all. Some will read this and say they hate the baseball, maybe even sports in general, and they have never even thought about the game. But those people should really think about it. Maybe your father or mother, grandfather or grandmother, brother or sister, even boyfriend or girlfriend or spouse has been involved with the game of baseball in one way or another. And probably in a positive way.

After baseball's record setting season last year (you know, 70 homeruns by Mark McGwire, 125 wins by the New York Yankees), baseball once again proved why it's the greatest game in North America. These are some of the reasons as to why the game is an annual ritual for so many.

Baseball is a reminder. It provides memories of playing with friends, families and rivals. In little leagues, parks and picnics, we've all put on a glove and tossed a ball around.

Baseball is nature. Unless distorted and played on Astroturf and inside domes, it's green grass, brown dirt and fresh air. Playing on a perfect, diamond shaped field is nature at its best.

Baseball is simple. The pitcher

itches the ball, the batter hits it and one team tries to get more runs than the other. The team that scores more runs wins.

Baseball is analytical. It provides us with so many statistics and variables to analyze. Some, like Joe DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak, defy logic in the "real world".

Baseball is exciting. Every little move means something. Any move, no matter the size, can provide us with an amazing feat.

Baseball is a game. While providing us with entertainment, in the grand scheme of things, it really means very little. The game isn't a necessity like shelter, food or reciprocal love.

Baseball is inspirational. Everyone can think of a hero, someone who hit a game winning homerun or pitched a perfect game. They want to emulate that person.

Baseball is teamwork. The game is about nine people (or 10 in the American League because of the designated hitter), all working together to score more runs than their opponents. Nobody is more important than anyone else.

Baseball is easy. Anyone can play regardless of skill level. The ball doesn't have to be thrown at 90 miles per hour, just a soft toss will do.

Baseball is shared. Fathers and sons, mothers and daughters or any variation of people have had a game of catch with someone or been to a game with someone or seen a game on television with someone.

Sure other sports can involve the same components listed. An argument can be made for any sport, but baseball has had a longer hold on society than any other sport in North America. Cricket excitement came and went, as did lacrosse (although it is picking up again). Hockey will always be the national pastime in Canada and soccer seems to be gaining popularity.

But to paraphrase James Earl Jones's character Terrance Mann, in the movie A Field of Dreams, "Throughout history (he meant American, I say North American) there has always been one constant: baseball."

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Few students show interest in Sanctuary's SWAP meeting

By Wayne Collins

Conestoga students were offered a chance on Thursday afternoon to travel and work abroad but just a handful showed interest.

Only 10 hands were raised when Student Work Abroad (SWAP) representatives, Bethan McVeigh and Scott Bokor, asked how many had actually come to the Sanctuary for the annual seminar.

"We usually get a better response at the universities than at the colleges," said Bokor. "We had 100 students from here interested last year."

This small group, however, listened attentively to SWAP captain McVeigh's 30-minute

talk, which covered everything from program costs to work visas and eligibility requirements.

SWAP is a program of the Canadian Federation of Students, which works through Travel CUTS/Voyages Campus. Although McVeigh and Bokor arrived from a Waterloo office, they said SWAP has locations on or near campuses across Canada.

Each year SWAP assists approximately 2,400 young people to work and travel in countries around the world, including Australia, France, Germany, New Zealand and the United States.

Full time and part time students and even "non-students," between 18 and 25 years old, can also sign up for the registration

fee, which Bokor said runs from \$250 to \$400.

McVeigh stressed that previous travel experience is one of the program's definite requirements because participants are expected to know how to take care of themselves. She strongly suggested that people still living with their parents, reconsider travelling alone to a foreign country.

SWAP arranges the trip and provides job and travel resources in each destination. Participants find their own jobs in their chosen countries but SWAP's hosting centres, according to McVeigh, are the real reason students choose this program over others.

"Whatever you need, they get for you, she said. "You have a friend over there

before you even go."

SWAP is a worldwide organization and students from many countries now participate in the program.

"We're not just a bunch of Canadians going around the world," McVeigh said.

She pointed out that, with the visas, students don't have to stay the full two years in one country. They can enter and exit a country as many times as they want, or pick another destination whenever they want, up to three years.

She also cautioned students about picking places like Germany and France.

"You must speak the language," she said, adding that jobs are more difficult to get in Germany.

McVeigh also announced that

Disneyland had recently joined the program and that many SWAP students now work there.

"(They) had a great time last year," said McVeigh.

She said the program is a good way to travel and meet people because travellers can earn pocket money while seeing places like Europe.

"You're not a tourist, however," McVeigh said. "You're working with people and becoming one of them."

Only four students approached McVeigh and Bokor for more information, following the presentation.

According to McVeigh, SWAP's success is around 95 per cent. SWAP also publishes a yearly magazine for anyone needing information about the program.

Students network at social event

Julie van Donkersgoed

Conestoga College's materials management students jumped at the chance to turn a wine and cheese evening into a networking session with future employers.

The event, held March 25 in the Blue Cafeteria at the college, was organized by the student chapters of the Educational Society for Resource Management (APICS) and the Purchasing Management Association of Canada (PMAC).

Students were encouraged to introduce themselves to professionals and make contacts.

Agnes Toth, a third-year student and president of the student chapter of APICS, said the evening provides students from the program's three years with the opportunity to network.

"These people are coming to meet us," she said. "Some are looking for full-time or part-time staff, some are here to support us and some are just networking."

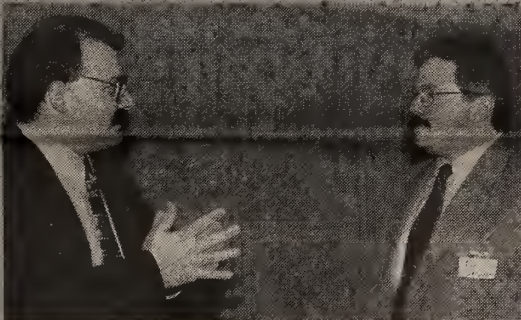
Jennifer Bernard, faculty advisor for the APICS student chapter, agreed that the evening is a chance for students to make new contacts at a professional level.

"This is a great opportunity for our students to network," she said. "To hear from professionals in the field shows students the realities of their careers

and what happens on a day-to-day basis."

Erin Conway, a third-year student, said the evening gives students an excellent opportunity.

"This really gives graduating students the chance to recognize and make contacts among local employers," she said.



Rolf Bodendorfer (left) and Bill Dechert meet at the March 25 wine and cheese social. (Photo by Julie van Donkersgoed)

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Breakfast honours Conestoga co-op nominees

By Wayne Collins

Three Conestoga College co-op students, nominated for a Canadian Association for Co-operative Education award, were honored during an employee breakfast in the Waterloo campus dining room on March 26.

The event, a joint promotion of Waterloo Region's three universities and Conestoga College, as part of national co-op week, paid tribute to Roger Wood, Greg McFarland and Lynn Tank.

Conestoga's president, Dr. John Tibbits, congratulated the co-op program's overall success.

Tibbits said the college's co-op program ranks first in Ontario. He credited the college's faculty, support staff and program advisory committees for the program's success. Tibbits also acknowledged the support from employers and praised the efforts of companies like Automatic Tooling Systems (ATS), Michelin and Manulife Financial.

"They must think we're doing something right," said Tibbits, adding the college's real goal is a No. 1 ranking worldwide.



The employee's recognition breakfast was held March 26 at the Waterloo campus, for co-op employers. Seated back left to right, Lynn Tank, Jack Kok, Greg McFarland, Jim Stobbe, Roger Wood and Mary Wright.

(Photo by Wayne Collins)

Jim Stobbe, one of 11 employers attending, said his company, GFI Control Systems in Kitchener, has been a proud supporter of the co-op program for six years now. GFI's past co-op students, said Stobbe, have shown high energy levels, enthusiasm, talent and creativity.

Students gain self-confidence in the co-op setting, he said, and get a chance to show what they can

do while gaining experience they can put on their resumes.

Tank, a food and beverage co-op student, talked about her co-op experiences in Alberta, Quebec, British Columbia and Newfoundland.

She said her Alberta work term was the opportunity of a lifetime and she can now deal with any problems that arise in her field.

McFarland, a third-year woodworking technology stu-

dent, said the benefits of co-op education are mutual.

"Although we learn a lot from employers," said McFarland, "(my) employers learned a lot from me, too."

McFarland said he did three work terms and the whole program was an incredible experience.

Wood, a third-year mechanical engineering technology, robotics and automation student at the Doon

campus, joked about being the oldest of the trio at 33. Wood, who once did contract work for the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, said he'd never had a full-time job in his life. His co-op experience, he said, means future employers won't have to hold his hand or "test drive" his abilities.

Employers like Andy Steele, factory manager of Valley City in Dundas, said the program was certainly a positive thing for businesses and for the area.

Ellen Blahitka, human resources manager at Knoll North American Corp. in Toronto, said she feels great about the whole program. An industry relationship with colleges and universities through co-op programs, said Blahitka, is good for business.

Although a University of Guelph student won the CAFCE Award, Linda Hart, a co-op advisor, said the breakfast was held to honour the three nominees and to promote national co-op week, which ran from March 22-28.

"They weren't just nominated as best co-op students," said Hart. "The winner was named the top student in Canada."

Hilarious comedy *Analyze This* a must see

By Eileen Diniz

Analyze This stars Academy Award winner Robert De Niro (*Cape Fear*) as Paul Vitti and Billy Crystal (*When Harry Met Sally*) as Ben Sobol in a new Warner Brothers Comedy directed by Harold Ramis (*Groundhog Day*). The movie is about a psychiatrist whose patient is an insecure mob boss trying to get in touch with how he is feeling.

De Niro plays New York's most powerful gangster who has grown up surrounded by the mob lifestyle. He is well prepared for his future responsibilities especially since his father died a few years before.

Suddenly when Mendetta, the head boss, is gunned down, it becomes time for Vitti (De Niro) to run for the leader of all the crime families in New York, but he starts having problems sleeping, breathing and getting erect for his mistress. He is preoccupied and distant with his wife and son and even his loyal followers are beginning to worry about his behaviour.

Crystal plays a divorced New York psychiatrist with a young son, played by Kyle Sahiby, who listens in on his sessions. Sobol is about to marry his high-strung fiancée Laura MacNamara (Lisa Kudrow of the Fox TV series *Friends*). He is a nice guy who is also dealing with parental problems. His father (Bill Macy) is a more successful, show-off therapist than Sobol. His father also has a best selling book out and every one of Sobol's friends believes he is

jealous of his father's success.

He doesn't want to be anything like his father and shuns the spotlight, enduring a list full of boring, neurotic and complaining patients.

Sobol's life seems normal until he rear ends a car that appears to have an extra passenger in the trunk. The car is driven by Vitti's bodyguard Jelly (Joseph Viterelli). Sobol insists they call the police but Jelly is nervous about insurance reports and eventually accepts Ben's business card.

Meanwhile Vitti's neurosis is getting even worse and decides he can't let the other families know or they will try to kill him. He confides to Jelly that he needs a "head doctor" and Jelly, of course, shows him Sobol's card.

Vitti then decides to go to Sobol and demands that he cure his panic attacks before the impending crime-family meeting in a few weeks.

Sobol doesn't want any part of treating Vitti. He just wants to live a quiet life and get married, although Vitti fascinates him and is his biggest challenge as a patient. Vitti insists that Sobol treat him. Sobol is excited but scared to death.

Vitti's neurosis is so bad that he breaks down crying during sentimental TV commercials. Sobol has to unravel Vitti's past and help him connect with his inner child so he can confront his rival mob bosses with confidence and authority. His rivals include his archenemy Primo Sindone (Chazz Palminteri, *A Bronx Tale*).

The film delivers some sharp comedic performances from

Crystal, De Niro and surprisingly Viterelli.

Analyze This ends in an odd but good way which will surprise most viewers.

De Niro is enjoyable, funny and worth the \$8. He has fun mocking the gangster part he has played so often. Crystal has moments where he is dull but this is his best role in a long time and he makes the most of it.

Kudrow plays her typical hyper yuppie part, which is

getting boring to most people.

Veterelli is funny and charming, however he plays a loyal, patient and weary character after years of being in the business.

The movie makes fun of many mobster movies including the classic *The Godfather*. *Analyze This* has a nice re-creation of one Godfather scene, the failed murder scene, but this time Crystal plays Don Vito Carleone and De Niro is the slow, useless Fredo.

It also includes a few more jokes such as one involving one of Sigmund Freud's theories. Sobol explains the Oedipus complex where some sons want to kill their fathers and marry their mother and Vitti asks "have you ever seen my mother?" Vitti is bothered throughout the film by Freud's

notion of an Oedipus complex. Vitti also insists that Sobol is a good therapist and makes him believe it by repeating it using a mobster voice that scares Sobol.

The movie is more than just a surface comedy. The characters contain a certain human dimension that makes it easy to care about them and what's going to happen. As much attention is paid to their personalities as to the funny lines.

Analyze This ends in an odd but good way which will surprise most viewers. It is rated AA and is currently playing at Cambridge Centre Cinema, Silver City and King's College in Kitchener and 3 Star Cinema in Guelph.

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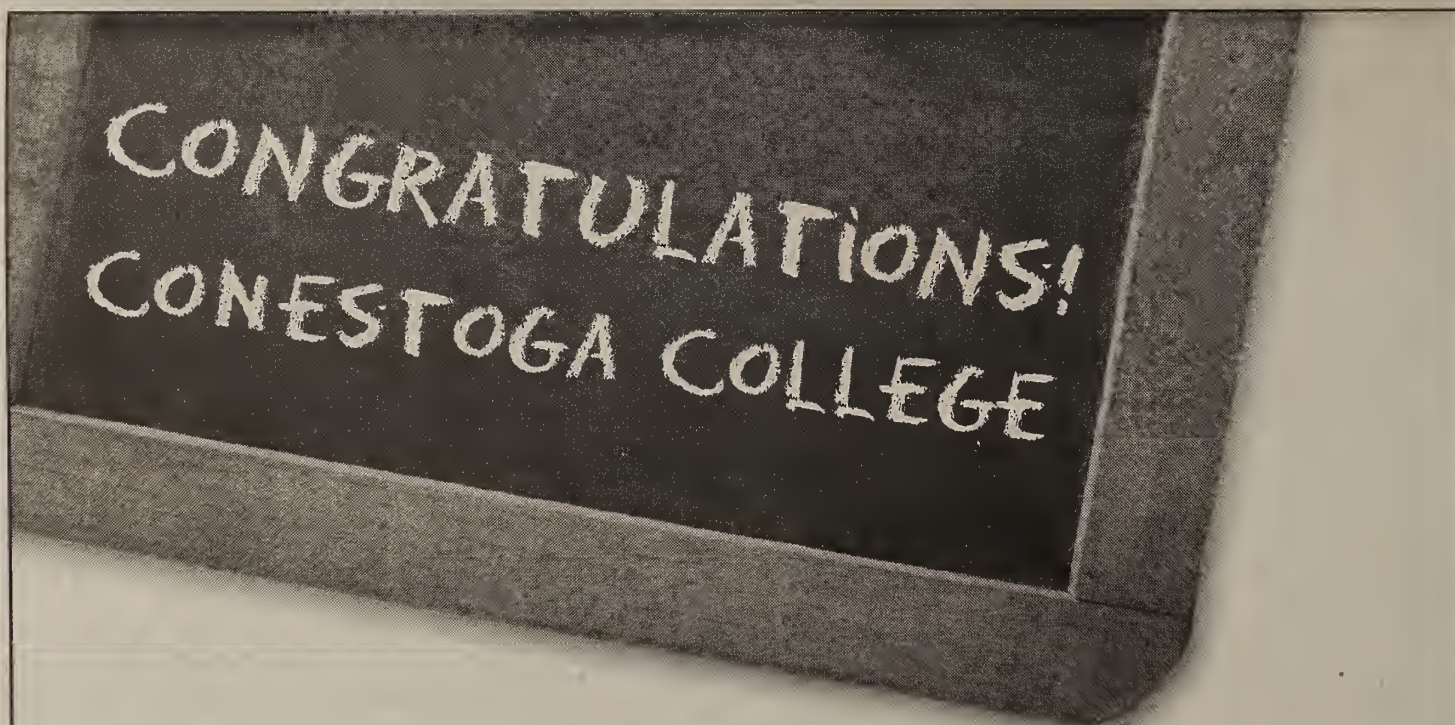
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Students (from left to right) Alicia Lorenz and Cameron Krasovcec received a lesson in geography on March 27 at Elmira Childcare Centre as teacher, Rob Neves, shows the route he hopes to take in September.

(Photo by Janet Wakutz)



The Ontario Ministry of Education and Training has just released the results of two province-wide surveys of the 25 Ontario Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology. **Conestoga College posted outstanding results in five key areas:**

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ECE graduate is a man with a mission

By Janet Wakutz

Early childhood education graduate, father of two and children's book author, Rob Neves is on a mission.

Neves who graduated from Conestoga College in 1992 works at the Elmira Childcare Centre with school-age children, providing them with a structured environment of creativity and fun.

Neves has developed workshops with storytelling and has worked with Catholic school boards. His six-hour workshop entitled, Getting to Know God's Love is aimed at youths in grades 7 and 8.

His mission is to offer the workshop free of charge to churches on a three-week tour starting the second week in September. He hopes to work his way out to Charlottetown, P.E.I. and back.

He will offer an evening workshop to parents called, God is your Dad, which is a light look at parenting, taking God's lead and remembering the parent is a child of God.

"I've been doing bits and pieces of the workshop over the past

seven years," said Neves.

The details have not been worked out yet but Neves will use his vacation time for the trip and is starting to make contacts. Neves' wife Colleen and two children will travel with him.

"I want my children to see being of service as normal in their lives," he said.

His 25-year-old nephew, Frank Dias, plays guitar and will provide music ministry on the mission.

Neves isn't sure about accommodations for the trip but is confident things will work out. He said it would be great if he could make use of a van or RV or the group may stay with families along the way.

"I'll accept whatever is offered and hope God gives me my daily bread," he said.

Neves said he believes for every need someone has, there is an equal gift in the world. "So, if you are lacking it is because someone else is greedy with their gifts," he explained. Put simply, Neves said, we should take account of what we have and give the surplus.

"I use my gifts at work and at home but I still feel fortunate," he said.

Neves said he has felt a strong call to do make this journey. "I am a professional story teller and I'm blessed," he said. "I'm looking for a great way to share some of the joy I've experienced with God."

In addition to having two children's books published, the Listowel resident has self-published three other children's books. His publishing company Rob Neves Press will start a greeting card line this summer.

Rob Neves can be reached through email at robneves@hotmail.com.

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Modifications to this protocol may be made through the use of the existing rules.

Approval of the revised protocol will be sought from the college's board of governors.

The new protocol will be filed with the ministry of education.

Kristin Murphy, DSA president said the protocol will not be changed.

It is set by the province and every college in Ontario goes by it. In order to change it we would have to go through both the province and all Ontario colleges.

"There is a possibility it can be changed, but it would take an act of God," said Murphy.

Men's varsity soccer team advances to semifinals

By Charles Kuepfer

The Condors men's varsity indoor soccer team has advanced to the semifinals, after knocking off Southwest Under-18 by a score of 4-2 on March 25 at the Conestoga College recreation centre.

They won the game on the strength of some solid first half play, building up a 4-0 lead that proved to be too much for Southwest to overcome.

Zlatko Lakoseljic, Shaun Samuels, Hermes Alvarez and Paul McQuade scored for the Condors, while Miguel Knox and Ognjen Panic replied for Southwest.

The first-half was dominated by the Condors who used their size to overpower the younger Southwest team.

Lakoseljic opened the scoring shortly into the half, blasting a shot just inside the left post past Southwest goalkeeper Andrew Luffman.

Southwest stormed back and forced Condor goalkeeper Lou Caprara to come up with a big save off of a shot by Matthew Martindale.

The Condors struck again, taking a 2-0 lead after Shaun Samuels powered his way in front of the net and hammered a shot past Luffman.

But they didn't stop there.

Alvarez made it a three-goal lead when he beat Luffman with a hard blast. Then McQuade completed the first-half scoring, banging in a fourth Condor goal to give them a comfortable lead at the half.

Southwest came out fired up in the second-half, controlling most of the play for the rest of the game.

Panic got Southwest on the board, one-timing a pass from Shawn Boterman past Caprara.

They continued to pressure the Condors, and Knox scored moments later off a pass from David Bucharski, cutting the lead in half.

This brought the 30 or so fans to

life, obviously cheering on the Southwest team in their comeback bid.

Despite some good chances, Condor goalkeeper Caprara refused to be beaten for a third time.

The Condors tightened up their defensive play and were able to hold off Southwest to win the game.

Condor coach Geoff Johnstone said he knew his team wanted to win the game.

"They want this now," said Johnstone, referring to his team's desire to win the playoff championship.

He said his team struggled after the midway point of the game.

"The first half we played very well," said Johnstone. "The second half we sat back and let them come at us."

Johnstone said he was pleased with the play of his defenders, singling out McQuade, Samuels and Marko Juricic as key contributors in the victory.

It was somewhat of an upset for the Condors, who finished sixth in their division during regular season play. Southwest bettered the Condors by finishing third.

The Condors finished their regular season play with a record of 7-9-0 (won-lost-tied) while Southwest boasted a 9-5-2 record.

Alumni defend soccer crown



Conestoga's Ang Papazotos goes in on Alumni goaltender, Amanda Kesselring. Kesselring made the stop with just over a couple minutes left in the game. The Alumni held on for a 6-5 victory in the championship game on March 23 at the recreation centre. (Photo by Brian Smiley)

By Brian Smiley

The women's indoor soccer season concluded on March 23 as the Alumni defeated Conestoga 6-5 at the recreation centre, to capture their second-straight title.

It was a game of teeter-totter, as one team was ahead and the other would tie it up and then the roles would be reversed.

The Condors seemed to get trapped by the strategy of the Alumni, which was to slow the game down and open up the floor. And with only one substitution, the Alumni strategy paid off.

"There's no way in the world we can beat them when they slow down," Condors' coach Geoff Johnstone said.

The Alumni, with their extra years of expertise, jumped on the scoreboard first at the eight-minute mark.

After a Conestoga defender had attempted to head the ball up the floor, the ball was accidentally put to the middle where Amy Olson of the Alumni was positioned. Olson outthrust her opponent into a better position and blasted the ball past the Condors' goalie.

It took Conestoga only two

minutes to get even. Karen Melanson created a turnover and stole the ball from an Alumni defender and made no mistake in putting the ball in the back of the net.

Conestoga took its first lead of the game at the 17-minute mark when Danny Sirio blasted a shot off the post. Ang Papazotos took the rebound and scored to make it 2-1.

The see-saw battle continued two minutes later when Marguilla Aguilar carried the ball in on the Condors' goal and weaved around a couple of defenders before slipping it under Conestoga goalie Stephanie Den Haan.

At the 22-minute mark Melanson was in on another goal after she took a floor-length pass from her goalie and scored to put the Condors up 3-2.

With just under a minute left in the first half, Olson once again tied the score and the half should have ended that way.

However, because of a technical glitch the half lasted about seven minutes over the 25-minute time length and the goals continued to go in.

After a nice pass from a teammate, Sirio found the twine and put Conestoga up by a goal.

Playing-coach Marlene Ford of the Alumni concluded the first-half scoring when she scored at around the 32-minute mark.

A wide-open first half resulted in neither team having a clear-cut advantage going into the second half.

The game began to get a little scrappy in the second half with both teams being awarded free kicks several times.

Yeowell put the Alumni up 5-4 at the 10-minute mark of the second half when she took a nice pass from a teammate and put the ball past the Conestoga goalie.

Sasha Gruetzmacher evened the game up again about a minute later when she blasted a rocket into the top-right corner of the Alumni net.

Then the controversy began.

After several flagrant fouls by both sides, Condors' goalie Den Haan was assessed a two-minute penalty with just under five minutes to play in the game.

On the ensuing Alumni power-play Yeowell scored the decisive sixth goal for the Alumni.

Conestoga coach Johnstone was upset with the referee's decision to give Den Haan a penalty after one of his players was fouled severely, with no penalty call, earlier in the second half. "It was grossly unfair to decide the game like that," he said.

While both teams got away with quite a bit throughout the game, the call Johnstone was talking about was an obvious oversight by the referee, who allowed both teams to play a physical game.

"It was a physical game and he let it go," said Ford.

The game was wide open and could have gone either way, but Ford was happy to meet and beat Conestoga in the final.

"It felt good to have some competition," Ford said. "We love to beat Conestoga when we can."

This game was the conclusion of women's play for the indoor soccer season.

Attention Graduating Students

Conestoga College offers these Post-Graduate Programs. Attend an Information Session for:

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University of Guelph	March 23, 7:00 - 8:00 pm, McKinnon Building Rm 236
University of Waterloo	March 25, 10:00 - 11:00 am, Davis Room
Conestoga College	March 30, 7:00 - 8:00 pm, Room 2A56

Career Development Practitioner

University of Guelph	March 23, 8:00 - 9:00 pm, 236 McKinnon Building Rm 236
University of Waterloo	March 25, 11:00 - 12 noon, Davis Room
Conestoga College	March 30, 8:00 - 9:00 pm, Room 2A56

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COUNSELLOR'S CORNER: Learning Disabilities

There has been considerable attention paid to the term "Learning Disability" in the past few years as educators become increasingly aware of the individual needs of students. The term was coined in the 1960's to describe people who, while having average or above average abilities, exhibited difficulty learning in one of the basic academic areas such as reading, writing, or mathematics. Since that time, considerable research has helped us to identify and classify what a learning disability is, how to diagnose this problem, and how to help individuals who have a learning disability.

Research has taught us that:

- Learning disabilities affect about 2-5% of students.
- Learning disabled students show a marked difference in what they are capable of learning and their achievement in certain areas.
- Learning disabled students do well in college and university programs given the right kind of support.
- There are tests and procedures that can help identify the exact nature of the disability.
- There are strategies that can be used to help overcome a learning disability.
- While everyone has different leaning styles, learning disabilities are marked areas of difficulty.

X-rated hypnotist has students in a trance

By Jeanette Everall

Standing at just over five feet tall in jeans and a black T-shirt with 'security' written on the back, Tony Lee may not look like the average hypnotist.

But despite appearances, he had Conestoga College students taking off their clothes, swearing at their colleagues and performing provocative sexual acts as part of his X-rated show on March 23.

About 80 people, mostly Conestoga College students, showed up at Stages Night Club to see Lee's show, which is recognized as the only uncensored adult show of its kind.

And according to Lee, the material he comes up with for his show is what the students want to see, and so far, he hasn't had any complaints in the 13 years he's been doing it.

"We've never had any bad criticism," said Lee in an interview after the show. "Even with the kind of show we do, people are warned before, during and after. Anyone who has any negative criticism knows what kind of a show we have."

As for the participants, no one seemed to mind one bit.

"It was all for fun," said Steve Coleman, who removed his clothes down to his boxer shorts under Lee's direction. "I have seen the show before, so I was prepared for it."

Coleman, who is a first-year computer-programming-analyst student, said his friends keep telling him what he did while on stage, however, he remembers giving Lee his clothes.

"It just all made sense to do it," said Coleman. "He wanted my pants, so I gave them to him."

Nick Roc, who exposed his buttocks every time an audience member shouted 'Conestoga', said his participation was all in good fun.

"It's not like he picked people out of the audience and forced them to come up on stage," said Roc, a first-year computer-programming-analyst student. "You went up on your own free will."

And according to Lee, not only

do the participants take part willingly, they also chose to allow themselves to be hypnotized.

"The hypnotist doesn't hypnotize the person, the person hypnotize themselves. I just put something in their mind and they decide whether or not they want to do it."

From the audience, it looked like Lee's subjects were willing to do everything he suggested, including imagining themselves

performing in a pornographic movie and demonstrating how to do the 'wild thing' with a stuffed teddy bear.

As for where Lee draws the line, he said everybody has a different line and what's good for some people wouldn't be good for others.

"We generally stay away from doing crazy stuff to females. But for the guys, they'll moon an audience when they're not hypnotized."



Steve Coleman, a first-year computer-programming-analyst student, removes his pants while hypnotized at the Tony Lee show on March 23 at Stages in Kitchener.

(Photo by Jeanette Everall)

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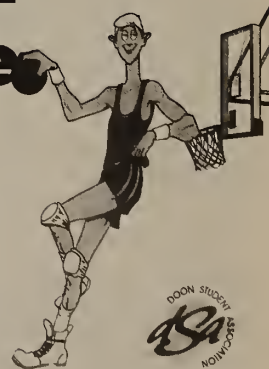
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Psychic hints at future

By Elizabeth Sackrider

College students most commonly ask psychic Dan Valkos questions concerning love lives and career paths.

The psychic appeared in the Sanctuary on March 24 to hint and suggest the future of Conestoga students.

"I can read people in essence by looking at them, tuning into the sound of their voice or just being close to them," said Valkos.

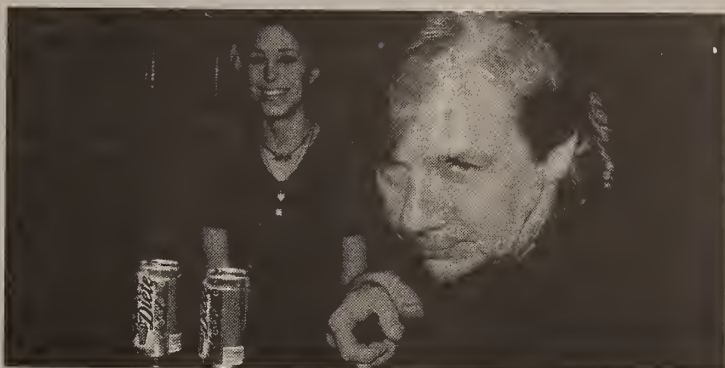
First-year broadcasting student, Mandie Young, rushed to see Valkos to get a tidbit of what her future holds.

"It is like reading your horoscope. Most of it isn't true, but a little bit might be," she said. "It is mainly for entertainment, though."

Valkos hinted at the answers to Young's questions about careers and her life while rubbing his large quartz crystal.

"I use my crystal as an energy focal point, something to get into somebody's head with," said Valkos.

First-year nursing student,



Psychic Dan Valkos visited Conestoga to tell fortunes in the Sanctuary on March 24.
(Photo by Elizabeth Sackrider)

Emilie Friedrich, came to watch Valkos out of curiosity, but cautions anyone who might really believe in psychic predictions.

"Never put your future in the hands of a psychic," she said.

Becoming a psychic didn't occur to Valkos until he became involved in research in 1969.

He did his first professional reading in 1971.

"I was originally a skeptic and thought it was a bunch of garbage," said Valkos.

But with the assistance of teachers Valkos developed his

abilities further.

For the last four years Valkos has been teaching the psychic development and reincarnation workshop at Conestoga College and also does hypnosis work for UFO studies in Ontario.

He was nominated for the top Canadian radio psychic in 1998.

When people ask questions, Valkos said, he can tune in, to some degree of accuracy as to what the answers to the questions are going to be.

"You have total complete control over your own destiny," he said. "I can act like a road map and tell you what might happen if you walk down path A or path B."

According to Valkos, the psychic circles have little respect for those call-in psychics advertised on television.

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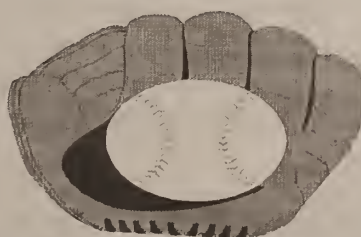
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